

VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
Stevens County, Washington
September 1, 1991 Through August 31, 1993

Schedule Of Findings

1. The District Should Comply With State Transportation Fund Statutes

The district circumvented state statutes which restrict the proceeds from the sale of used school buses to transportation related activities.

Valley School District General Fund purchased used buses from other school districts for \$1. These buses along with one district owned bus were then "sold" to the district's Associated Student Body Fund (ASB) for \$1 each. The ASB then sold the buses to the general public.

During the years 1990 to 1993 the district sold the following buses through the ASB:

Bus Number	Make	Sales Price	Year Sold
005506	Ford	\$ 850	1992
005905	International	1,055	1992
005361	International	650	1990
008695	International	1,250	1993
Total		\$3,805	

RCW 28A.160.130 states in part:

(1) There is created a fund on deposit with each county treasurer for each school district of the county, which shall be known as the transportation vehicle fund. Money to be deposited into the transportation vehicle fund shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(d) The district's share of the proceeds from the sale of transportation vehicles, as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

RCW 43.09.210 states in part:

. . . no department, public improvement, undertaking, institution, or public service industry shall benefit in any financial manner whatever by an appropriation or fund made for the support of another.

The district transferred the buses to ASB as a method of funding student projects and activities. Additionally, the district was unaware of the limitations placed on the district's share of the proceeds from bus sales.

In addition to the noted violation of state statute, the district has reduced the amount available for transportation related activities including vehicle purchases and repairs.

We recommend the district transfer \$3,805 and related interest earnings from the ASB Fund to the Transportation Vehicle Fund. We further recommend the district implement policies and procedures to ensure future compliance with state statutes.